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Form BC 126
June 1954

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1-30-73. Granted on the air dual city I.D. as: "WESTBROOK-PORTLAND"

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W M E R (EF. 3-26-81)

~~W~~ J. B. Q. (Eff 6-21-74)

Date first licensed 4-14-60

Call letters x W J A B

Station location Westbrook, Maine

CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 9-6-67 EFF: 9-11-67)

x GREATER PORTLAND RADIO, INC. (AL-2-28-64 EFF: 3-7-64)

Name of licensee x WESTBROOK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Westbrook Main (BP5-3178)

NIGHTTIME June East of Bartlett Rd., at Westbrook City and Gorham Town boundaries, /
Day Intersec. of Main Turnpike and Warren Avenue, Westbrook, Maine (BP 7-23-74
Codes 4-7-60) Warren Avenue & Maine Turnpike, 1 1/2 mile East of center of Westbrook, Portland, Maine.

Transmitter location x Warren Ave. & Maine Turnpike, 1 1/2 mi. E. of center of Westbrook, Maine

Intersec. of Main Turnpike and Warren Avenue, Westbrook, Maine (ltr. 6-15-77)

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XX 841 Main Street, Westbrook, Maine (MP 11-2-59)

Main studio location x To be determined, Westbrook, Maine

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------|--------------|-------------------|
| BP-10911 | 6-17-59 | 1440kc | 5kw | Day | 8-17 2-17-60 |
| | CP for a new standard broadcast station. | | | | |
| BMP-8750 (1) | 11-2-59 | Mod. of CP(BP-10911) to change type transmitter (GATES BC-5B-2) and make changes in transmitting equipment and specify studio loc. and remote control point as 841 Main St. Westbrook, Maine. | | | |
| BL-7712 | 4-14-60 | 1440kc | 5kw | Day | 4-14 4-1-63 |
| | Lic. to cover cp (BP-10,911, as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. | | | | |
| BR-3838 | 3-11-63 | Renewal of License | | | 4-1 4-1-66 |
| BTC-4480 Eff: 3-7-64 | 2-28-64 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensed corp. from Halvdan Aase, Jacob Agger, John E. Willard, Jr., Philip G. Willard and Leon M. Leavitt to Greater Portland Radio, Inc. | | | |
| BAL-5012 Eff: 3-7-64 | 2-28-64 | voluntary assignment of license to Greater Portland Radio, Inc. | | | |
| BR-3838 | 9-30-66 | 1440kc | 5kw | Day | 9-30 4-1-69 |
| BAL-6113 EFF: 9-14-67 | 9-6-67 | Voluntary assignment of license. | | | |
| TELEGRAM | 10-31-67 | PSA | 500w | | |
| BR-3838(L) BZ-7118 | 5-28-69 | Renewal of License & Modification | | | 4-1-72 |
| BR-3838(S) EBSA | 4-26-72 | RENEWAL | | | 4-1-75 |
| BTC-6864 | 7-13-72 | Voluntary TC; EFF: 7-18-72 | | | |
| BS-3838(1) EBSA | 6-21-74 | ML to change call letters | | | |
| BP-19,736 | 7-23-74 | 1440khz. | 5kw | Day | 7-23-75 |
| | CP to move the ant.-TL. | | | | |
| BMP-14,018 (1) | 7-30-75 | MP(BP-19,736) ext. time to 1-23-76. | | | |

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-14-60

Call letters W J B Q

Station location WESTBROOK, MAINE

Name of licensee SEE CARD ONE

Transmitter location SEE CARD ONE

Main studio location SEE CARD ONE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|
| BR-3838(S) | 1-12-76 | | RENEWAL | | 4-1-78 |
| BL-14,059(L) | 2-27-76 | Lic. to cover | | BP-19,736 | for changes 4-1-78 |
| Ltr. 6-15-77 Change Studio Loc. to Trans. Site | | | | | |
| BR-3838 | 3-13-78 (L) | REN. OF LICENSE | | | 4-1-81 |
| BP-20,385 | 5-31-78 | 1440khz. 5kw DA-N | | | 5-31-79 |
| | CP to add night power | | | | |
| BMP790521A(1) | 7/19/79 | MP (BP-20,385) | | for ext. of | 1/5/80 |
| | time to: | | | | |
| BP800818AC(L) | 1-22-81 | CP to replace expired permit. | | | |
| | | Permit Expires: | | | 6-30-81 |
| E B S A | 3-26-81 | CALL SIGN CHANGE | | | |

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call W J B Q
 Letters NEW x W J A B

 Name WESTBROOK BROADCASTING CO., INC.
(P.O. - 841 Main Street, Westbrook, Maine)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-----------|---------|--|---|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-10,911 | 11-1-56 | Construction permit for a new standard | GRANTED After Hearing Docket No. 12170 Order issued. | 6-17-59 |
| Rec'd | 11-8-56 | broadcast station to be operated on: | | |
| Filed | 11-8-56 | Frequency - 1440kc | | |
| | | Power - 5kw | | |
| | | Hours of operation - Daytime | | |
| | | Transmitter location - Warren Ave & Maine | | |
| | | Turnpike, 1½ mi E of center of | | |
| | | Westbrook, Maine | | |
| | | Studio location - To be determined. | | |
| | | Westbrook, Maine | | |
| | | Remote Control Point - To be determined. | | |
| | | Same as studio. Westbrook, Maine | | |
| | | Atty. - Loucks, Zias, Young & Jansky | | |
| | | Engr. - George C. Davis | | |
| AMENDMENT | 12-3-56 | AMENDED to specify remote control point as | | |
| Rec'd | 12-7-56 | "same as studio". | | |
| Filed | 12-7-56 | | | |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters

W J A B

Name WESTBROOK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

WESTBROOK, MAINE

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMP-8750 R & F | 10-7-59 10-12-59 | Modification of C. P. (BP-10911 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Gates BC-5P-2), and make changes in transmitting equipment and specify studio location and remote control point as 841 Main Street, Westbrook, Maine | GRANTED | 11-2-59 |
| EL-7713 Rec'd Filed | 11-2-59 11-3-59 11-3-59 | License to cover construction permit (BP-10911, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. | GRANTED | 4-14-60 |
| PRO. TEST 11-6-59 | | James E. Greeley, Atty. | | |
| BR-3838 R & F | 12-26-62 1-2-63 | Renewal of License. Atty: Welch, Mott & Morgan | GRANTED | 3-11-63 |

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AUG. 1955

Call

Letters

W J A B

GREATER PORTLAND RADIO, INC.

Name ☒ WESTBROOK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-15,879 R. & F. | 2-26-63 3-1-63 | CP to make changes in antenna system (incr. height and add top loading). | DISMISSED Per Section 1.566(b) Failure to Prosecute. | 10-13-64 |
| BTC-4480 Rec'd Filed | 1-22-64 1-22-64 1-27-64 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Halvdan Aase, Jacob Agger, John E. Willard, Jr., Philip G. Willard and Leon M. Leavitt to Greater Portland Radio, Inc. MUTUALLY CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BAL-5012 | GRANTED Eff: | 2-28-64 3-7-64 |
| BAL-5012 R & F | 1-24-64 1-28-64 | Atty. - Al C. Cordon (Dow, Lohnes etc) Voluntary assignment of license to GREATER PORTLAND RADIO, INC. MUTUALLY CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BTC-4480 Atty. - Al C. Cordon (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) | GRANTED Eff: | 2-28-64 3-7-64 |
| BR-3838 R & F | 12-30-65 12-30-65 | Renewal of License Atty. Al C. Cordon (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. | GRANTED | 9-30-66 |

FORM BC-121 **A**
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1440kc

Call
Letters **W J A B**

CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.
X GREATER PORTLAND RADIO, INC.
Name
Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BAL-6113 R & F JUL 17 1967 | 7-1-67 7-6-67 | Voluntary assignment of license to CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC. Atty for assignor - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson for assignee - Kirkland, Ellis etc | GRANTED EFF: | 9-6-67 9-14-67 |
| BR-3838 R & F #481055 \$75. PRESS JAN 28 1969 | 12-31-68 1-2-69 1-2-69 2 8 1969 | Renewal of license AMENDED 4-25-69 re: Financial & programming data Atty. Erwin G. Krasnow | GRANTED (Issued with BZ-7118) | 5-28-69 |
| BZ-7118 R & F DM | 1/23/69 2/5/69 2/17/69 | Direct Meas. Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow Engr: Herbert O. Wiles, Auburn, Maine | GRANTED (Issued with BR-3838) | 5-28-69 |
| BR-3838 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 4 1972 | 12-31-71 1-7-72 " | RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 2-23-72 re: programming & financial data AMENDED 4-13-72 re: financial statement | GRANTED | 4-26-72 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call W J B Q
Letters x W J A B

Name CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.
Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BTC-6864 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 # 069832 CODE 047 Pub. notice filed 6-7-72 | 4-28-72 5-4-72 MAY 22 1972 | Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Chester C. Steadman, Jr. and Karen K. Steadman to Greater Portland Radio, Inc. Atty - Kiriland, Ellis & Rowe Req. for expedited action filed 5-16-72 AMENDED 5-19-72 - Ascertainment of comm. needs; updated Bal. sheet Legal data filed 5-26-72 (Court Release) | GRANTED Req. grant fee \$3643.16 EFF: 7-18-72 Grant Fee Paid: 048 8-8-72 W 098140 | 7-13-72 |
| Request Filed | 12-11-72 12-14-72 | Request for waiver of Section 73.1201(B) (2) of the Rules to identify as "WESTBROOK-PORTLAND" Maine. Atty. Erwin G. Krasnow | GRANTED | 1-30-73 |

RE: BTC-6864 - AMENDED 7-11-72 - re stock & financial data

Name CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.
WESTBROOK, MAINE

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------|-------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-19,736 | 6-6-74 | Construction permit to move the antenna-transmitter site approximately 400 feet east of present site. 43° 41' 16" 70° 19' 24.5" | GRANTED | 7-23-74 |
| R & F | 6-13-74 | | | |
| \$50-314792 | 6-13-74 | | | |
| AC-056 | JUL 10 1974 | Atty. Kirkland, Ellis, & Rowe | | |
| PRESS: | | | | |
| BR-3838 | 11-27-74 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 1-12-76 |
| R & F | 12-3-74 | E.G.Krasnow, Atty. | | |
| PN Recd | " | AMENDED 3-28-75 re: programming | | |
| PRESS | JAN 8 1975 | | | |
| BMP-14,018 | 6-25-75 | MP(BP-19,736) ext. time to 6-30-76. | GRANTED | 7-30-75 |
| R & F | 6-30-75 | (New Station) | | |
| # 644310\$100 | 7-1-75 | Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis, & Rowe) | TO | 1-23-76 |
| AC-056 | | | | |
| PRESS | JUL 22 1975 | | | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W J B Q

Name CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.
Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BL-14,059 R & F \$100#494562 PTA PRESS Amend | 11-1-75 11-4-75 11-5-75 12-3-75 DEC 17 1975 12-10-75 | Lic. to cover BP-19,736 for changes Atty: Alan Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) engr. data- Corrected Page 1, 302 Section II-A | GRANTED | 2-27-76 |
| BP- 20,385 Rec'd Filed \$800-579403 AC-001 PRESS PN filed | 6-11-76 6-14-76 6-14-76 FEB 6 1978 7-8-77 | Construction permit to add nighttime oper. with 5kw DA-N, chg. hours of oper. to Unl., ant. trans. loc. Just East of Bartlett Rd., at Westbrook City and Gorham Town boundaries, Westbrook, Maine (Nighttime) Trans. Gates MW-5 (two site oper.) Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow Eng. Julius Cohen Amended 6-28-76 re letter from Harris Corporation payment terms and credit Ltr. 11-4-76 re: Sec. 73.24(j) be waived | GRANTED | 5-31-78 |

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1440 kHz.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W J B QName CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.
Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-------------|-------------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-3838 | 11-30-77 | Renewal of License | GRANTED | 3-13-78 |
| R & F | 12-1-77 | Atty; John C. Quale | | |
| P.N. | 12-1-77 | | | |
| PRESS | | | | |
| B | JAN 9 1978 | | | |
| BMP790521AO | | MP (BP-20,385) for Extension of Time to: | GRANTED | 7/19/79 |
| PRESS (O) | JUN 29 1979 | <u>11-30-79</u> (FOR CHANGES). | | |
| | | Atty. Barry D. Wood (Kirkland & Ellis) | | |
| BP-800107AO | | CP to replace expired CP (BP-20385, as mod.) | GRANTED | 2-28-80 |
| PRESS: (O) | JAN 17 1980 | Atty: Barry D. Wood | | |

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1440KHz.

WMER

Call Letters: XW J B Q

Name: CHANDLER BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: WESTBROOK, MAINE

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|-------------|--|-----------------|
| BP800818AC PRESS (O) | SEP 9 1980 | CP to Replace Expired Permit (BP-20,385, as Mod.). (OVER) Atty. Barry D. Wood (Kirkland & Ellis) | GRANTED 1-22-81 |
| BR-801201VZ PRESS | JAN 21 1981 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 12-23-80 re additional info | 3-30 ISSUED |
| BTC810420FW Form 316 PRESS JUN 15 1981 | | Vol TC from Chandler Broadcasting, Inc. to Bride Communications, Inc. Atty John S. Logan | |
| BMP 810610AC PRESS (O) | JUL 29 1981 | MP(BP-20385, as mod for extension of completion date to: _____ (For changes) Atty. Barry D. Wood (Kirkland & Ellis) | |

BP-800818AC

AMENDED

12-31-80

RE: Engineering Report

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WMER

Name: Chandler Broadcasting, Inc.

Station Location: Westbrook, Maine

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|-------------------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| BMP810819BG PRESS(0) | SEP 1 1981 | Mod. of CP(BP- 20385) to chg. TL to Southwest Corner of Conant St., & Wayside Dr., Westbrook, Cumberland, Maine. 43 40 50 70 22 47 MAJOR ENVIR. ACTION | |

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

